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Before line 1 of the specification, please insert the following new paragraph:

-- This application is a Divisional of co-pending Application No. 10/177,149 filed on June 24, 2002, which is a divisional of Application No. 09/887,442, now U.S. Patent Number 6,563,554 B2, which is a divisional of Application No. 09/217,931 filed on December 22, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 6,281,952, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference and for which priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120; and this application claims priority of Japanese Application No. 9-359036 filed in Japan on December 26, 1997 and Japanese Application No. 10-364247 filed in Japan on December 22, 1998, under 35 U.S.C. § 119. --